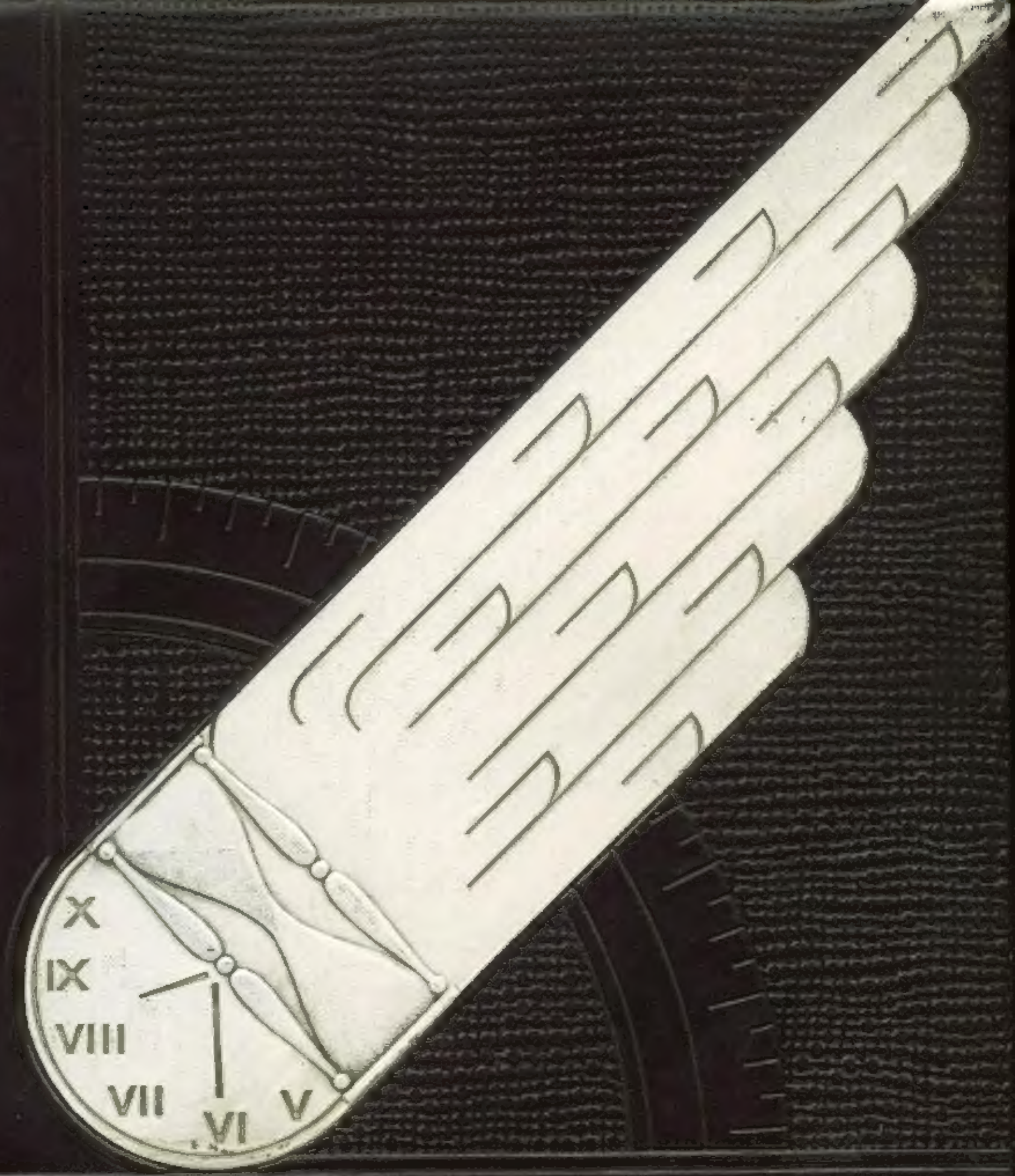


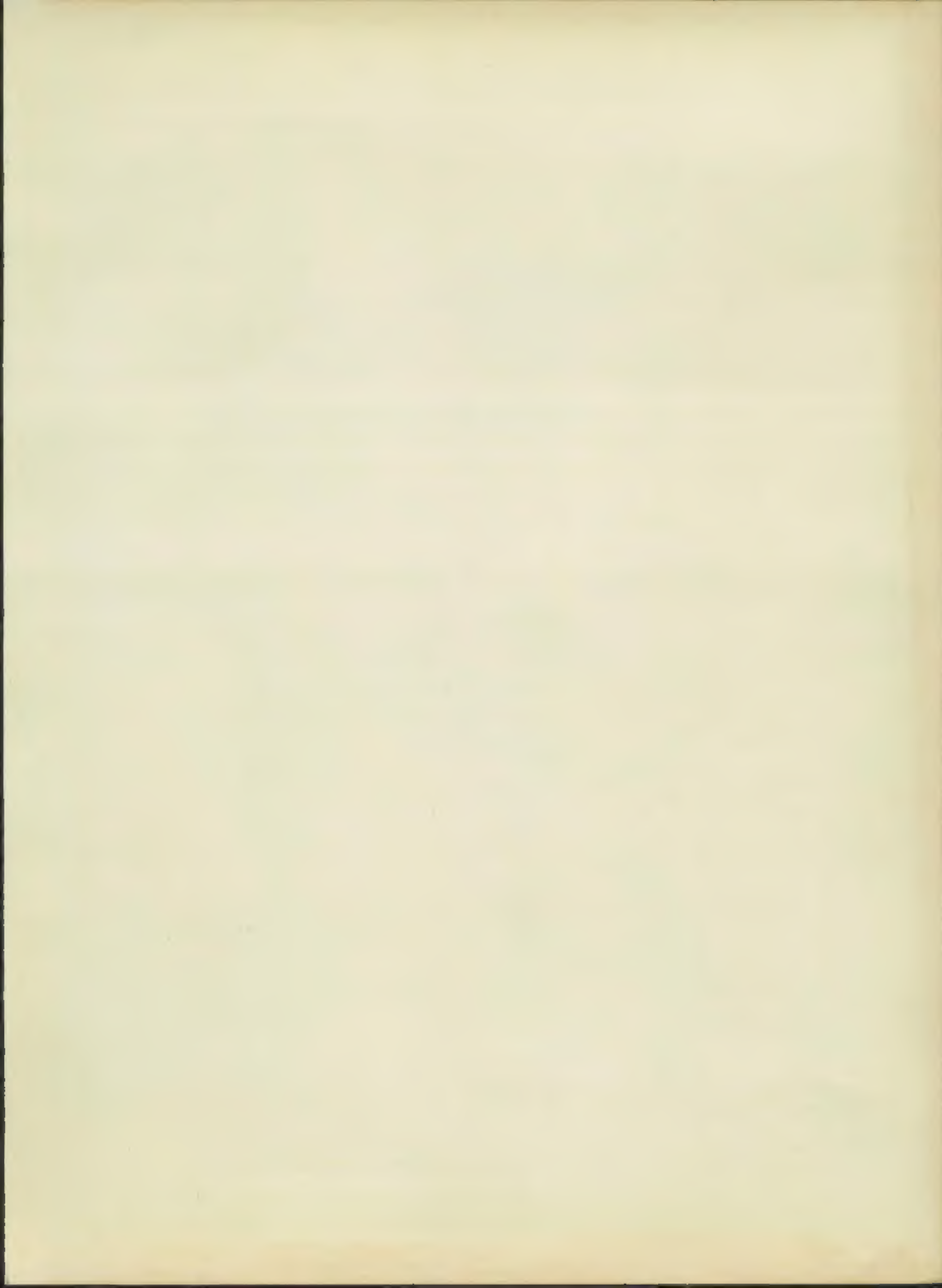
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WHITMAN HIGH



To Howard and Barbara  
From Emily.











# DEDICATION







# Dedication

We lovingly dedicate this annual of 1953 to the memory of  
Violet Ann Shackleford.



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DAVE LEWIS - Treasurer

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DALE DYER - Secretary

JOHN GENTRY

BOB GREATHOUSE

JASPER TIMMENS

FACULTY







# Faculty



MRS. BONNIE R. MANLEY--Supt.  
Nebr. Provisional Supervisory Administrative  
A. B. Degree  
English, Soc. Science, and History Major  
Chadron State Normal  
Loretto Heights, Denver  
Alva State Teachers College, Okla.  
University of Nebr.



MRS. EMILY A. SPARKS--Jr. High  
Chadron State Normal  
Kearney State Normal  
University of Nebr.  
U. C. L. A.  
Elementary State Initial  
Provisional Supervisory

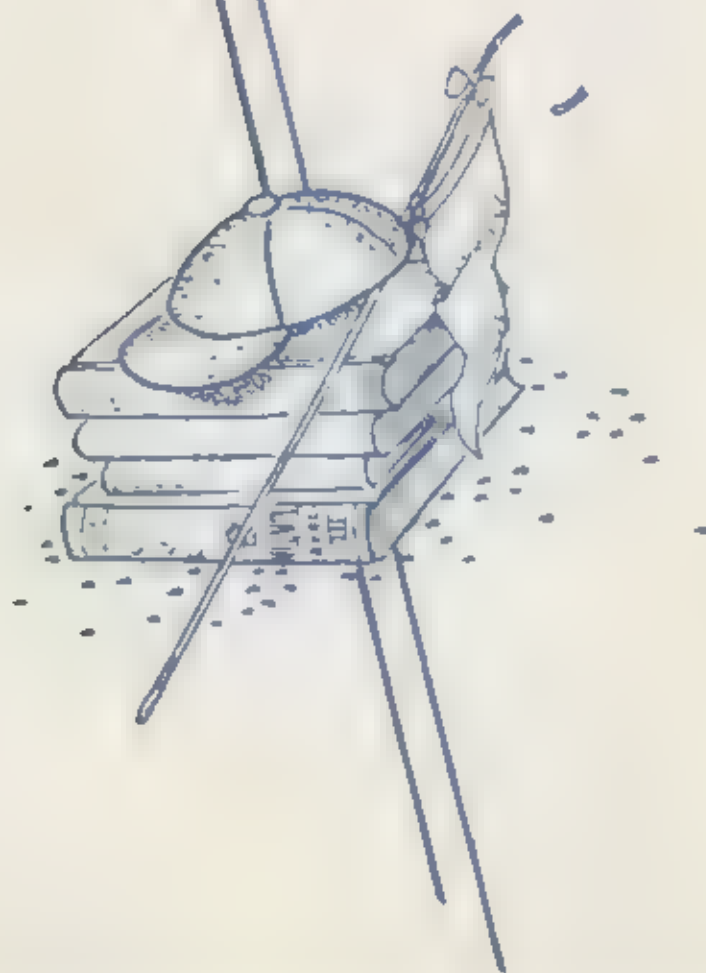
MRS. SOPHIE ANDERSON--Primary  
Chadron State Normal  
Elementary State Initial  
Nebraska Provisional







# UNDERGRADUATES





# High School



**LYLE TIMMENS**  
Junior

Basketball  
Chorus  
Business manager of Paper  
Mimeograph Operator



**CAROL SPARKS**  
Sophomore

Editor of Paper  
Editor of Annual  
Trumpet  
Chorus  
Local winner of Citizenship Contest  
Hospital Queen attendant  
Stencil Typist  
Projectionist

Motto: "Not at the top, but climbing."  
Flower: Columbine  
Colors: Purple and Gold

**MELVA ROACH**  
Freshman

Tapdance  
Chorus  
Lay out Typist





# Last Will and Testament

We, the High School of 1953, being of sound mind (?) wish to leave the following will and testament.

To our underclassman we leave our empty seats, our will to work, our excess knowledge, and our cultured and refined manners.

To our beloved faculty we leave our happy memories, quiet study halls, and orderly classrooms. We will remember you with deepest affection in the future.

To the school board we leave our unpaid bills.

To our patient janitor we leave all the mud, papers, and gum under seats and desks. Dispose of this, or the school house, as you see fit.

I, Lyle Timmens, bequeath to the Primary Room my brilliance and golden toned voice. To Eddie Jones, I leave my height. To Bobby Richter, my slenderness. My desire to stay in school and study to Vic Gentry. My masculine good looks to Mark Richter. To Ella May Phillips my friendly smile. My bashfulness to Carol Timmens, and last but not least my quiet manners to Edwinia and Rosella Garcia.

I, Carol Sparks, bequeath to the Junior High, my laziness and uncooperative spirit. To Delores Geist, I leave my love letters and address book. To Larry Baskins my hook shot in basketball. To Delores Higgins my love of books. To Jim Richter my juvenile jokes. (Be sure to pull them on another juvenile.) To Deanna Hayward, my fascinating beauty. To Richard Geist my height and speed. To Rachel Garcia, I leave my happy-go-lucky nature. To Patty Sparks my tapdancing ability and small feet. To Bobby Higgins, I leave my straight "A" report card. To Anita Tupper, I leave my sleek Monroe figure.

Most of all, to our parents we leave our gratitude for their faith and their struggle as we prepared them for the long road of life ahead of them.

Signed:

*Carol Sparks*  
*Lyle Timmens*

# Cooperating Groups

With Whitman Public School in 1953.

American Legion Auxiliary--Hyannis, Nebraska, President Rose Malm--  
A Citizens Responsibility cont.

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Grant County Teachers Association--Neba Durst President--Grant County Teachers  
meetings.

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Ashby Public School--Mrs. Klitsing Supt. --Softball Games between schools.

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Mullen Hospital Drive Assn. --Dr. Hoyt.

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Sand Hills Association for Schools--President Russell Sommers Hyannis

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Declamatory Contest, Music Festival, Spelling Contest, Mullen Nebr.

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Typing Contest, Brewster, Nebr.

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Spelling Contest--County Superintendent, Theo. A. Frye--Hyannis, Nebr.

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American Legion--County Government, Geo. Peterson, Hyannis, Nebr.

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Whitman Teachers Association, Ivene Hampton--President. Guidance plans.

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Whitman Ladies Aid--Mrs. Felix Taylor, President. Cooperative Assembly program.

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Whitman Womans Club--Mrs. Bob Taylor, President. Christmas Treats, and Spring  
Decorations.

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Whitman PIA--President, Anita Jones. Co-Sponsor-ship teen-age dances, financial  
assistance for school activities.

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Commercial Club--Mullen Nebr. --Dr. Hoyt invitation.

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Health and Safety--Dr. Hoyt, Mullen Nebraska.

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Cooperating Rural Districts--Iven Hampton school, Ed Ballard school, Iacy James  
school.

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Art Exhibit, "Boat" Metcalf--Hyannis, Nebr.

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Art Exhibit--Senior Division, University of Nebraska.

# Grade School



DELORES GEIST  
8th Grade

Tapdance  
Band  
Chorus

LARRY BASKINS  
8th Grade

Basketball  
Band  
Chorus



DEANNA HAYWARD  
7th Grade

Tapdance  
Piano Solo--Excellent  
Duet--Excellent  
Chorus  
Accordian



JAMES RICHTER  
7th Grade

Declamatory-2nd  
Spelling-Champ  
Trumpet  
Chorus  
Basketball

DELORES HIGGINS  
7th Grade

Chorus



RICHARD GEIST  
7th Grade

Spelling-2nd  
Basketball  
Chorus  
Guitar







**RACIAL GRACIA**  
7th Grade

Declamatory-1st  
Chorus

**PATTY SPARKS**  
6th Grade

Chorus  
Declamatory-1st  
Soprano Solo-Sup  
Spelling-2nd  
Saxophone  
Tapdance  
Duet-Excellent



**CAROL ROACH**  
6th Grade

Tapdance  
Chorus

**BOBBY HIGGENS**  
4th Grade

Basketball  
Chorus



**ELLA MAY PHILLIPS**  
4th Grade

Tapdance  
Piano  
Chorus  
Rhythm Band  
Tonette



**ANITA TUPPER**  
5th Grade

Tapdance  
Chorus  
Band





BOBBY RICHTER  
4th Grade

Tapdance  
Piano  
Chorus  
Basketball  
Rhythm Band  
Tonetts



EDWARD JONES  
2nd Grade

Chorus  
Rhythm Band  
Tonetts



MARK RICHTER  
2nd Grade

Chorus  
Rhythm Band  
Tonetts



CAROL TIMMENS  
2nd Grade

Chorus  
Rhythm Band  
Tonetts

ROSELLA GARCIA  
2nd Grade

Chorus



EDWINIA GARCIA  
1st Grade

Chorus



VICTOR GENTRY  
Kindergarten

Chorus  
Rhythm Band  
Tonetts



RICKY SPARKS  
Age 4 years

Common Visitor



## High School

Left to Right: Lyle Timmens, Mrs. Manley, Melva Roach, Carol Sparke.



## Grammar Room

STANDING: Left to Right: Jim Richter, Patty Sparks, Deanna Hayward, Delores Higgins,  
Larry Baskins, Delores Geist.

SEATED Left to Right Mrs. Sparks, Anita Tupper, Carol Roach, Bobby Higgins,  
Richard Geist.





## Primary Room

STANDING:  
SEATED:

Left to Right: Ella May Phillips, Bobby Richter, Mark Richter.

Left to Right Mrs. Anderson, Victor Gentry, Carol Timmens, Edward Jones.

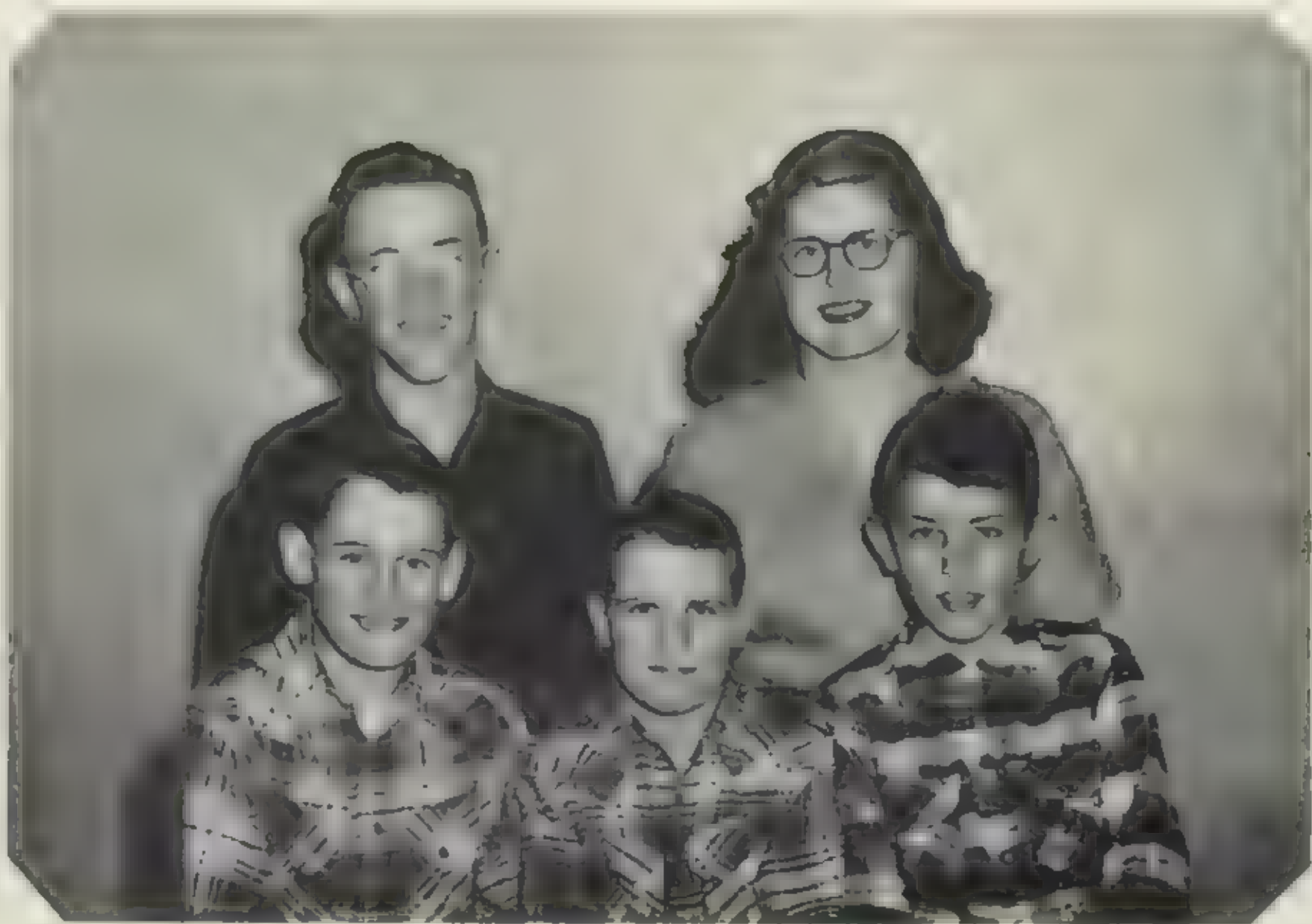


## Whitman Public School

FIRST ROW: Left to Right: Bobby Richter, Dick Taylor, Bobby Higgins, Richard Geist, Jim Richter.

SECOND ROW: Left to Right: Anita Tupper, Ella May Phillips, Edward Jones, Mark Richter, Howard Taylor, Carol Roach, Melva Roach.

THIRD ROW: Left to Right: Larry Baskins, Carol Sparks, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Manley, Mrs. Sparks, Lyle Timmens, Patty Sparks, Deanna Hayward.



## Rural Participating School

FIRST ROW: Left to Right: Jerry Hinton, Denny Hinton, Glen Evans.  
SECOND ROW: Stanley Evans, Ivone Hampton.



## Rural Participating School

STANDING: Left to Right: Dick Taylor, Janet Emmens, Edith Jean Emmens,  
 SEATED: Mr. Ballard, Ray Taylor, Lloyd Evans, Howard Taylor.



## Rural Participating School

Left to Right: Louise James, Tacy James, Lindall James.



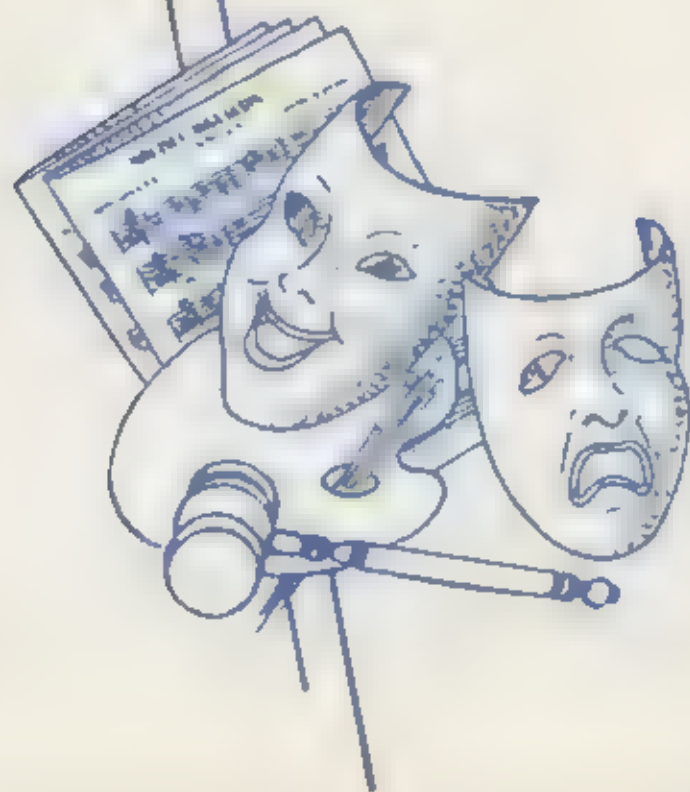


## Whitman Faculty

Left to Right: Mrs. Manley, Mrs. Sparks, Mrs. Anderson.



# ACTIVITIES







# Creative Program

About sixty creative prizes have been awarded throughout the year for creative work in the three rooms in the school. The prize winning creative work which have been awarded the prizes are on display in the geography room, with outstanding work of former students.

## P. T. A.

A P. T. A. group in the Whitman community was organized in December of 1952. In January of 1953 a fund raising campaign, through the ways and means committee, raised a \$80.00 purse for the benefit of the school and community. A detail study project, including surveys of the community, was carried through on the subject of redistricting. In February, 1953, the P. T. A. charter was granted to this newly-formed organization.

The elected officers are as follows:

Anita Jones..... President  
Dale Dyer..... Vice President  
Gail Bunner ..... Secretary  
Walter Eberly .....Treasurer

Committees chosen are: Emily Sparks, Lila Wright, Gail Bunner, Program committee, Kitty Lou Gentry, Betty Dyer, Ways and Means, Dale Dyer, Anita Jones, Emily Sparks, Kitty Lou Gentry, Bonnie Manley, Gail Bunner, Executive Committee.

## Annual Staff

Annual Staff: Carol Sparks.-Editor, and Lyle Timmens.  
Sponsored by, Mrs. Bonnie Manley--Supt.



## Whitman Teachers Association

STANDING: Left to Right: Mrs. Sparks, Mr. Ballard, Mrs. James.  
SEATED: Mrs. Manley, Miss Hampton, Mrs. Anderson.

# Student Council

The Student Council was organized in November, 1952, and sponsored recreational Teen Age dances and parties, made rules and regulations for social activities, as well as school behavior.

A charter for this group was received in December, 1952. The Student Council magazine was a service free to the students of the Whitman school, as a part of the service received from the fee for affiliation with the Student Council National Union.

Mrs. Manley sponsored this group in both open and closed meetings. All teachers cooperated in sponsoring the social activities. The officers are:

President.....Carol Sparks  
Vice President.....Lyle Timmens  
Secretary.....Patty Sparks  
Treasurer.....Richard Geist  
Ella May Phillips and Bobby Richter  
acted as a Standing Committee.

# Assembly

Twenty, one hour periods were held open on Wednesday mornings, at 9:00 to 10:00 o'clock, for community education and cooperation. Some of the topics discussed and acted upon were: Health and Safety, Friendship, Books, Our Nations Capital, The American Flag, Loyalty, Conservation, Citizenship, Boy Scouts, The Bill of Rights, Thanksgiving, The United Nations, Christmas and others. Some of the outside talent on the programs were: Mrs. John Gentry, Rev. W. M. Steinberg, Mrs. Victor Merrihew, Mrs. Chas. Richter, Bud Kommers, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Vanderbeak, and others. Over one hundred fifty miscellaneous songs were sung together in these groups. There were approximately four hundred forty community participants. Only the Christmas program was held at night--from 8:00 to 10:30.



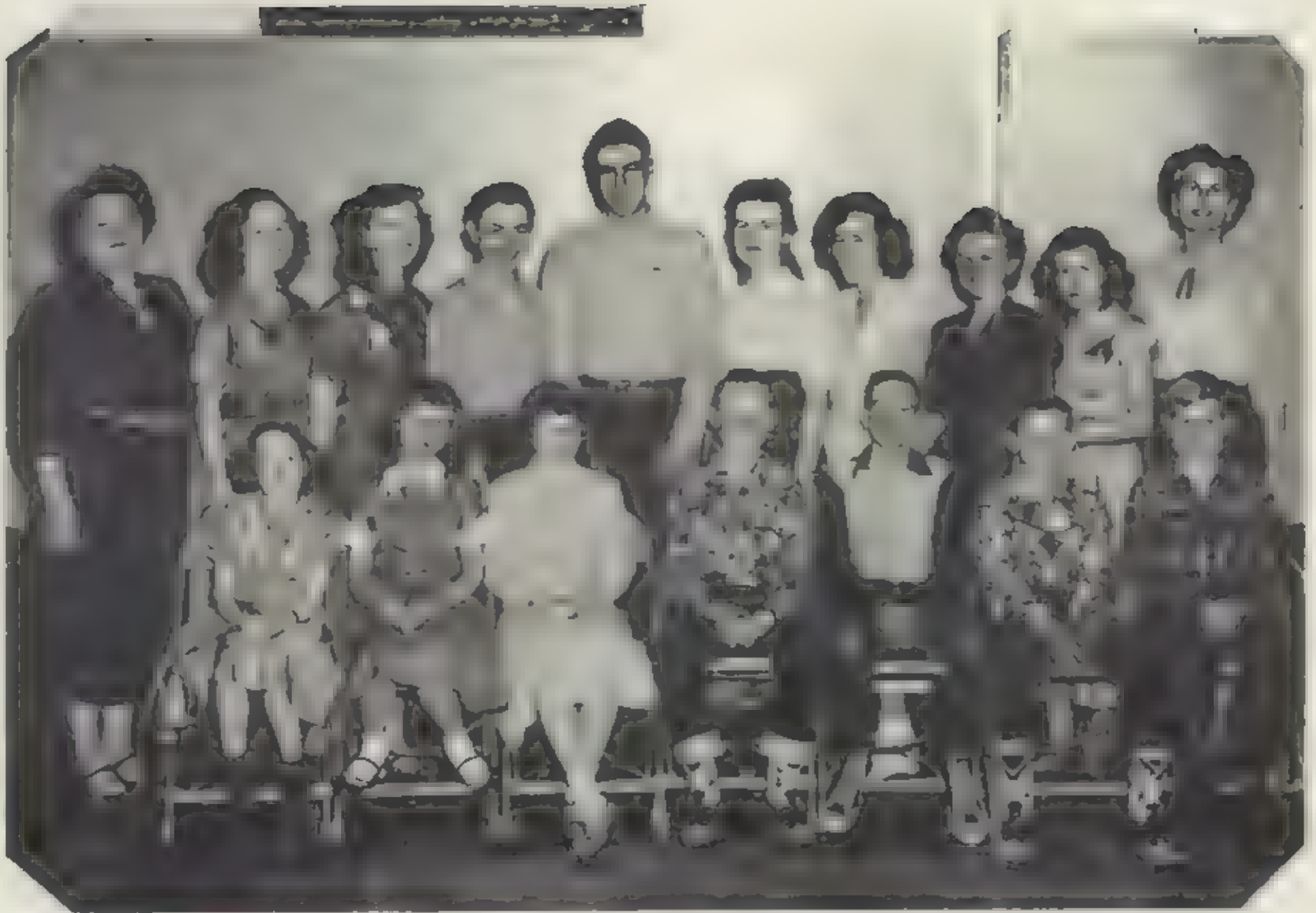
## Band

Left to Right: Patty Sparks, Carol Sparks, Jim Richter, Dick Taylor, Larry Baskins.

Played for benefits in Mullen and Whitman.

The Band of 1952, which is not pictured, played in Mullen, Hyannis and Whitman.

Director: Mrs. Sparks.



## Paper Staff

Editor .....Carol Sparks

Reporters .....  
 ..... Lyle Timmens  
 ..... Anita Tupper  
 .....Deanna Hayward  
 ..... Jimmy Richter  
 ..... Patty Sparks  
 ..... Delores Geist  
 ..... Larry Baskins  
 ..... Richard Geist  
 ..... Bobby Higgins  
 ..... Delores Higgins  
 Primary..... Ella Mae Phillips and  
 ..... Bobby Richter

Art.....Carol Sparks

Typist .....Carol Sparks

Sponsor .....Mrs. Manley





## Chorus

STANDING: Left to Right: Melva Roach, Patty Sparks, Delores Higgins, Lyle Timmens,  
Carol Sparks, Deanna Hayward, Delores Geist.

SEATED: Anita Tupper, Carol Roach, Jim Richter, Richard Geist, Bobby Higgins,  
Larry Baskins.

Director: Mrs. Sparks





## Sports

STANDING:

Left to Right: Dick Taylor, Larry Baskins, Lyle Timmens, Bobby Higgins, Jim Richter, Richard Geist.

SEATED:

Carol Roach, Patty Sparks, Deanna Hayward, Melva Roach, Anita Tupper, Instructor Mrs. Sparks.



## Basketball

Left to Right: Lyle Timmens, Larry Baskins, Dick Taylor, Bobby Higgins, Jim Richter, Richard Geist.

Physical Education Instructor Mrs. Sparks





Square Dance Sets



## Tap Dance Chorus of 1951-52

Left to Right: Delores Geist, Deanna Hayward, Patty Sparks, Ethel Koch.

Tapped for Hospital benefit in Whitman.  
Music Dontest in Mullen.  
Spelling Contest in Hyannis.



## Put Your Little Foot Tap Team 1951-52

Left to Right: Delores Geist, Deanna Hayward, Patty Sparks, Ethel Koch.





## Tap Dance Chorus of 1952-53

Left to Right: Patty Sparks, Melva Roach, Carol Roach, Anita Tupper.

Tapped for Hospital dedication in Mullen.  
Assembly Program in Whitman.  
Floor Show in Whitman



## Younger Tap Dance Group Of 1952-53

Left to Right: Ella Mae Phillips, Bobby Richter, Billie Jean James.



## Tap Dance Team Of 1951-52-53

Left to Right: Ella Mae Phillips, Bobby Richter

Tapped for Hospital Benefit in Whitman.  
Spelling Contest in Hyannis.  
Hospital dedication in Mullen.  
Floor Show in Whitman.



## Solo Tapper Of 1952-53

Billie Jean James

Tapped for Spelling Contest in Hyannis, Floor Show in Whitman



## Whitman Queen

Miss Carol Sparks

Attended the Hospital dedication in Mullen and was Junior attendant to the Hospital Queen.



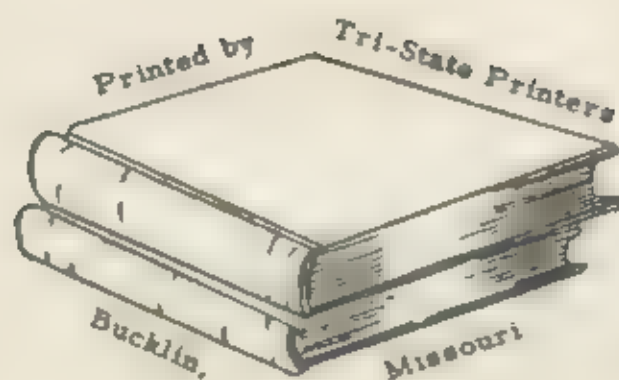


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